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**CROWN HEIGHTS United Methodist Church**

**Lead Pastor: Rev. Trina Bose North**

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## **Celebrating New Life!** by Rev. Trina Bose North

*“Get out of bed, Jerusalem! Your face in the sunlight... The whole earth is wrapped in darkness, all people sunk in deep darkness. But God rises on you, God’s sunrise glory breaks over you.” Isaiah 60:1-6*

Throughout Lent, our church has been reflective— focusing on our prayer life. We have listened for God’s small, still voice. And we have prayed for God’s peace and comfort. It’s like we have been cocooned, wrapped safely away from the real world.

We need Easter to come! We need to get out of bed, as Isaiah said! We feel God calling us to live life more fully. We feel God pulling us to emerge from our cocoons to do God’s work in the world.

This Easter Season we will celebrate God’s ability to bring about New Life. On Easter Sunday we will hear the amazing story of Jesus’ resurrection after his time in the tomb. Then in the following weeks we will hear more transformative stories of God brining life to situations that seemed hopeless. These Easter stories remind us that God can make new whatever is happening in our lives.

We pray for God’s transformative power to turn our lives upside down. “The question is what I wanted to do with the new life God has given me. This is the mission I want to take on,” said Billy Tauzin. May we use this time to discover what life awaits for us!

### **Easter Schedule, April 1, 2018**

- 8:30 am           Worship Service with Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:30- 11 am      Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am         Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard
- 11 am             Worship Service, Sanctuary

### **Kids’ Easter Schedule**

Kids arrive at 10 am.

- 10 am            Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 10:15 am        Egg Hunt, Courtyard
- 11 am            Worship, Sanctuary

### **Easter Offering**

During the holy seasons in the church, Crown Heights UMC looks for extra ways to be faithful. Each year for Easter, we collect money for the larger United Methodist Church’s missions. Together United Methodists support those in need locally and around the world. We support ministries like *Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, the Black College Fund, Camps, Campus Ministries, Neighborhood Service Organization, and New Faith Communities*. You are welcome to designate your giving to one of these fabulous ministries or to give to general apportionments by writing “Easter Offering” on the memo line of your check. There are full lists of all the ministries in the back of the sanctuary and in the anteroom. Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

### April/ May Dates

Sunday April 1	Easter Sunday
Every Tuesday	Archive Meeting, 4:30 pm
<b>Wednesdays after Easter</b>	
April 4- May 8	Tai Chi in the Parlor at 6:30 pm
Wednesday April 11	Ladies' Day Out, Church Office at 11 am
Thursday, April 12	Ministry Resource Team, 6:00 pm
Saturday April 14	Church Workday, 9:30 am- 2 pm
Sunday April 15	Church Meeting following both worship services
Wednesday April 25	Arts Academy Recital, 4:30 pm
Saturday April 28	Worship at 4:30 pm
Sunday April 29	NO WORSHIP – Memorial Marathon
Saturday May 5	Skyline Urban Ministries, 8:30 am-noon
Wednesday May 8	Ladies' Day Out, Church Office at 11 am

## Church Meeting – April 15

### \*\* Notice \*\*

We will have a Church Meeting following the 8:30 and the 11:00 services on April 15th. We need to vote on the legal name of our church and to inform you of our holdings.

We need to legally change our name from Crown Heights Methodist Church to Crown Heights United Methodist Church.

To comply with the United Methodist Book of Discipline, Crown Heights UMC must create a trust where we are the caretakers of this facility for the larger denomination.

If you have any questions, please talk to Lee Endicott.

## Save the Date - VBS

Please mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School -

**July 9 – 12, 2018 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

This year's theme is **"To Space and Beyond!"** We are already looking for volunteers to teach and shepherd the children. Janet Basler and Madison Rubino are coordinating this year's efforts.

## Tai Chi Wednesdays, April 4 - May 8

**April 4- May 8 at 6:30 p.m., Tai Chi Classes**  
Tai Chi is an internal Chinese martial art practiced for both its defense training and its health benefits. Tai Chi can be modified for everyone, so everyone is welcome to attend. Tom Devine is an experienced teacher of Tai Chi, and he has volunteered to lead a group at our church. Tom attends our 8:30 service regularly. Thank you, Tom, for sharing this gift with the church! We will give an opportunity to donate to the Church.

## Workday Saturday, April 14

### Church Workday from 9:30 to 2 p.m.

We are so lucky to have OU students come work at our Church. We need our members to host them and lead them in some projects. They will clean up the yard, paint and organize our donation items. If you can come, please talk with Trina or Lane Neal.

## Arts' Recital Wednesday, April 25

### Arts Academy Recital at 4:30 p.m.

The Church is invited to a very special recital! Throughout the school year, our Church has had about 50 kids here each Wednesday afternoon. They are matched with a teacher (often a high school student) who exposes them to an art. This recital will showcase visible arts and allow for performing arts to present.

## Worship Saturday, April 28

### CHANGE OF ROUTINE

### Saturday Worship 4/28/18 at 4:30 p.m.

Because our Church is inside the Memorial Marathon route, we will NOT have worship on Sunday April 29th. Instead we will gather on Saturday afternoon, April 28th at 4:30 p.m.  
NO CHURCH on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Whiz Kids Thursday, May 10

### Whiz Kids Celebration

This is the last session of Whiz Kids, the weekly reading program held at our church. To mark the occasion, the kids will be treated to a nice dinner at The West. It's so good for them to practice fine dining and proper manners with their tutor close by! *Thanks to all the tutors for volunteering!*

## Report from the Ministry Resource Team

Our next Ministry Resource Team meeting will be Thursday April 12 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be in the Fisherman Classroom.

### Update from the Trustees-

Our Church submitted an insurance claim for the water damage on the organ. It was approved! Work to repair the organ will begin just after Easter and take a couple of months. The organ is located at the front of the sanctuary, in the areas above the chancel on both sides. We are having the south half of the organ repaired. Come summer, get ready to hear this beautiful instrument played in worship again!

### Staff Update-

New Nursery Co-Coordinator

My name is Andrea Guevara. I am a senior at the University of Central Oklahoma studying graphic design with a minor in Spanish. I was born in Ecuador and lived there for fourteen years before my family and I moved to the United States. In my free time, I enjoy watching movies and playing card games.

Andrea and Tatum will be working together to run our Nursery through May, when Tatum graduates from OCU.



## Ministry Resource Team - 2018

<b>Trustees</b>	Jared Pickens	2018
	Mary Brooks	2019
	Lane Neal	2020
<b>Finance</b>	Robert Hicks	2018
	Bill McKnight	2019
	Lee Endicott	2020
<b>SPRC</b>	Nancy Anthony	2018
	Sue Brown	2019
	Jay Acquaviva	2020
<b>Church</b>	Janet Basler	2018
	Spencer Kusi	2019
	Julie Williams	2020

## Monthly Missions

Our Church wants live out of our service and connection with others. We are offering monthly opportunities to be in mission.

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to noon, consider joining for our **Church Workday**. There are lots of areas to help around the church. Upstairs in the Children’s classroom, we need some church members to help organize the kitchen items collected into boxes for Skyline families. Can you join us for this Saturday morning?

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am –noon, we are signed up at **Skyline Urban Ministries**. We will serve brunch and volunteer in the Grocery Store stocking, bagging, and assisting clients.

Our Church would like to create monthly missions for the congregation. Trina is looking for a team who can find places for us to volunteer around town. If you have an interest in planning missions or have connections to a non-profit where we can volunteer, please talk to Trina.

*Some ideas: Skyline Urban Ministry, Putnam Heights Elementary School, The Boys and Girls Club, The Food Bank... What else?*

## Preaching Schedule

Our April and May worship theme is Celebrating New Life! The butterfly has long been a symbol of the resurrection of Jesus as well as the resurrection of believers as we emerge from the power of death. In this Easter season, we will examine our own transformations from cocoons and tombs to the unfurled beauty of all God calls us to be.

### Sundays

- 4/1/18 Tombs and Cocoons , John 20: 1-18
- 4/8/18 Coming Out: Leaving Comfortable Places, Luke 1:26-38
- 4/15/18 Open: Into the Light, Genesis 17:1-7; 15-27
- 4/22/18 Unwrap: Waking Up, John 11:1-44

### Saturday

- 4/28/18 at 4:30 pm
- Unfold: Claiming New Possibilities, Luke 1:5-25; 57-66

### Sundays

- 5/6/18 Let Go: Leaving behind what we don’t need, Exodus 16
- 5/13/18 Fly: Daring New Heights, Mark 2:1-5
- 5/20/18 Journey: The Places We Will Go, Acts 10:34 - 36

## Whiz Kids by Janet Basler

Former Whiz Kid from Crown Heights, Megan Dixon, visited her old Whiz Kids site a few weeks ago. She remembers it as smelling the same but the building seems much smaller now. She remembered her tutors and her weekly anticipation of getting to go to Whiz Kids again. After leaving Whiz Kids as a 6th grader, Megan attended Taft Middle School and joined the beginning orchestra class. That's when she fell in love with playing the violin. She eventually ended up at Classen School of Advanced Studies as a violin major. Now she is a violin and business major at OCU.

Megan was the inspiration for starting the Arts Academy at Crown Heights. As a 5th grade Whiz Kid she wanted to attend Classen School of Advanced Studies as an art major. She could draw and paint, and the Whiz Kids tutors helped raise her reading skills, but we couldn't help her put an art portfolio together to compete for a spot at Classen. Her disappointment led to our expanding our ministries to the Putnam Heights kids in artistic ways, and the Arts Academy was born. We are so proud to have Megan as a part of our Whiz Kids history.



## Whiz Kids End Another Year by Janet Basler

For most of the year, Whiz Kids and their tutors focus on reading, spend some time learning manners at the dinner table, and learn a Bible Story every week. That all is fun, but hard work. So toward the end of the year we balance that with some outside time together to play, laugh, and generally enjoy life.

On a dreary Saturday in February the Whiz Kids travelled with their tutors to the Dynamo Gym to jump, swing, climb, eat pizza, and laugh the day away.

In March the Thunder Bus arrived to make sure each Whiz Kid could choose 2 brand new books to take home from the 3000+ books on the bus.

In April, after the kids have survived their yearly testing time, we will meet to enjoy a day at the theater together. First we will meet for a snack, then enjoy "Pinocchio" at the OCU Children's Theater.

May starts the end of the Whiz Kids year. We'll meet the first weekend in May at the Orr Family Farm with about 800 other Whiz Kids from the OKC area for a day of fun, food, and laughter. Then the next week our Whiz Kids will have an opportunity to show off their table manners at a nearby upscale restaurant, 'The West'. With the help of Anderson Obregon from Keller Williams Realty, and the generous staff at 'The West', our kids and tutors will dine together in a beautiful setting. Awards along with summer reading and activity books will be given to each child for them to remember Whiz Kids till we meet again in August.

What great ways to finish a wonderful year at Whiz Kids!!

Saturday, February 10— The Whiz Kids went to a gymnastics gym to eat pizza and play on all the equipment. Every single child in the program attended, as well as all the tutors. Fun outing!



**Member Standouts**

We had a new member, Brooke, join the Church on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It is a joy to welcome her into our church family.

Later the same day, Brooke and Bryan (Anita’s son) got married in Draper Garden. It was a beautiful ceremony. Bryan grew up in this Church.

*Congratulations to the Bryan and Brooke! We wish you a lifetime of happiness and love!*



**CLASS OF 2018**

*Wishing our graduates all the best! Congratulations!*

Kate Williams and Rachel Newman are graduating from Harding Charter Prep School.

Tatum Nelson (Nursery Coordinator) is graduating from OCU.

Sam Endicott is graduating from OSU with his BS in Multimedia Journalism. Sam has been accepted into OU’s Law School.

Harry Endicott is graduating from OSU with his MS in Mass Communication.

**Children’s Mission Projects**

A big THANK YOU to Kate Williams and Rachel Newman. These two high school seniors have helped our children complete a mission project every month during Children’s Church. Their creative activities have included preparing a meal for our homebound members, making Valentine’s cards for the congregation, and making Easter jelly beans bags to share with the whole church and Mobile Meals. We appreciate Rachel and Kate’s hearts and passion to help our children be in service and mission. This is what church is all about! Thank you.

Congratulations to Kate Williams and Rachel Newman, both are graduating this May from Harding Charter Prep School. Kate will be going up to Wichita State University in the fall. Rachel is still deciding. We wish you both all the best. Come back and see us any time!



**Thank Yous**

**Sue Fellers** — Thank you to Sue Fellers for all her help in decorating for our worship themes. She has taken on the task on placing the words on the banner paper that hangs on both sides of the sanctuary. She also learned how to make jewelry and tied the clasps on to each Prayer Bead set. Thank you for your time and talents!

**Brigette Gean** — Our church is so lucky to have Brigette creating the themes for our gatherings. She hand painted all the Souper Bowl invitations and decorated the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for creating beautiful space for us to come together!

**Sharon Betsworth** — The Bible Studies throughout Lent were informed and yet easy to follow. Sharon taught the room with a conversational style, helping each of us learn more about the Bible. Our focus was the children in the Gospel of Mark. Thank you for sharing your gift of teaching and patience with us!

**CHURCH STAFF**

Rev. Trina Bose North, Lead Pastor

Stacy Gilbert– Office Manager

Libby Campbell -Accounting Secretary

Mario Estrada – Custodian

Mariann Searle – Coordinator of Music Ministry

Madison Rubino – Children & Youth Director

Kalen Hancock - Youth Sunday School

Andrea Guevara and

Tatum Nelson – Nursery Co-Coordinators

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## February & March Highlights



Our Girl Scout Troop has just completed another year of cookie sales! They sold over 100 boxes at the Superbowl Potluck alone! The girls love selling and the money benefits the troop. Thank you to everyone who bought Girl Scout Cookies.

March 1, 2018

The Thunder Bus visited our Whiz Kids. Each child got to select two books from the bus to take home with them. The kids all loved it, so did the adults!



March 8, 2018

A big Thank You to Anderson Obregon and his connections with K. W. Central Oklahoma Realty for fundraising for our Whiz Kids Program. He helped raise money to cover the end of year celebration for all of our children to go to out to eat on May 10th.

Picture: Chris Shaw, Nancy Musselman, Lauren & Anderson Obregon and Janet Basler – The Obregons are with the three directors of our Whiz Kids program.

